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Iowa Teacher of the Year Nominations Due on June 29

DES MOINES, Iowa – The nomination deadline for the *2008 Teacher of the Year* has been extended from May 1 to June 29.

The award provides an opportunity to recognize an Iowa teacher who motivates, challenges and inspires excellence; who is respected by students and peers; and who is a dedicated professional that helps nurture hidden talents and abilities.

The Iowa Teacher of the Year may serve as the Iowa Ambassador to Education, acting as an education liaison to primary and secondary schools in this state.

Anyone, including school administrators, colleagues, students, parents, college faculty and associations, may nominate an Iowa teacher for the award. Winners are chosen by a committee that includes representatives of the Iowa Department of Education (DE), the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA), the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI), the Parent Teachers Association (PTA), the past Iowa Teacher of the Year, and representatives from higher education institutions.

The Iowa Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1958 and is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education through an appropriation from the Iowa legislature.

Please visit the Iowa Department of Education website at <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/686/664/> to obtain a nomination form.

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The Iowa Department of Education works with the State of Iowa Board of Education to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state education system, which includes public elementary and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges and teacher preparation programs. The department is committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.

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